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Item 1
Organizational matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will adopt the agenda for the annual session 2015 and agree on the workplan for the session as presented by the Secretary of the Board. The Board may wish to approve the report of its first regular session 2015. A draft report was distributed to members of the Board for their comments; the final report contains comments received within the deadline.

Documentation:

Provisional agenda, annotations, list of documents and workplan (DP/2015/L.2)

Report of the first regular session 2015 (DP/2015/9)

Decisions adopted at the first regular session 2015 (DP/2015/10)

UNDP segment

Item 2
Annual report of the Administrator

Following Executive Board decision 2013/27 on the UNDP strategic plan 2014-2017, the Board will have before it the first annual report of the Administrator against the new plan presenting the results of the organization for the year 2014, as well as challenges and lessons learned on the basis of performance. It outlines development results in the areas of (i) sustainable development pathways; (ii) inclusive and effective democratic governance; and (iii) resilience-building, as well as progress with regards to organizational efficiency and effectiveness. The Board may wish to take note of the report and provide guidance relevant to the preparation of future annual reports.

In line with General Assembly resolutions 59/267 and 62/246, the UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) provides a summary of UNDP management responses to the recommendations contained in the reports issued by the JIU in 2014, as well as the implementation status of relevant JIU recommendations issued in 2013 and 2012. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

The statistical annex contains detailed financial information on the annual stock of revenue and expenses for UNDP country programme activities from all core and non-core funding sources.

Documentation:

Annual report of the Administrator on the strategic plan: performance and results for 2014 (DP/2015/11)

Report of UNDP on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2014 (DP/2015/11/Add.1)

Statistical annex (DP/2015/11/Add.2)

Item 3
Gender in UNDP

In line with Executive Board decision 2014/1, the annual report of the Administrator of the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017, presents an analysis of results and UNDP performance for the first year of the strategy. It provides an overview of gender-related development and management results. This includes in-depth reporting on gender equality and women's empowerment results under each of the seven development outcomes of the UNDP strategic plan and management results on institutional effectiveness for gender mainstreaming. The Board may wish to take note of the report.

Documentation:

Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017 (DP/2015/12)

Item 4
Human Development Report

The Human Development Report Office (HDRO) will present an oral report on consultations regarding the Human Development Report (HDR) 2015 in accordance with General Assembly resolution 57/264. The HDRO Director will describe the preparation process (consultations, commissioned contributions and the review process; the sourcing of data, dialogues with Member States), highlight the main areas of focus in the report, and preliminary thoughts for its global and other major launches. The Director may also highlight plans for a 2015 Global Human Development Forum that will celebrate the 25th anniversary of the publication of the first HDR and provide an occasion to revisit the concept and measurement as HDRO embarks on extending the frontiers of the human development thinking and the preparation of the HDR 2016.

Item 5
UNDP country programmes and related matters

Under this item, the Executive Board will be asked to: (a) take note of the first six-month extension of the country programme for Ethiopia from 1 January to 30 June 2016; (b) take note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for the United Republic of Tanzania from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016; (c) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mozambique and Yemen from 1 January to 31 December 2016; (d) take note of the first one-year extension of the country programme for Kyrgyzstan from 1 January to 31 December 2017; and (e) review and approve, in accordance with Executive Board decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Armenia, Turkmenistan and Uganda.

Documentation:

Extensions of country programmes (DP/2015/13)

Africa

Country programme document for Uganda (DP/DCP/UGA/3)

Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

Country programme document for Armenia (DP/DCP/ARM/3)

Country programme document for Turkmenistan (DP/DCP/TKM/2)

Item 6
Evaluation

As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2010/16, a review of the evaluation policy of UNDP was carried out in 2014 and presented to the Board at the first regular session 2015 (document DP/2015/5). The review provides recommendations on how to improve the current evaluation policy to meet the required standards of independence, credibility and relevance of evaluation outcomes. The Independent Evaluation Office, in consultation with UNDP management, drafted a revised evaluation policy in keeping with the recommendations of the policy review and comments from Member States. The revised evaluation policy has been the subject of two Executive Board informal consultations. Key features in the revised policy relate to: (a) strengthening the decentralised evaluation system; (b) integrating more closely UNCDF and UNV into the overall evaluation architecture; and (c) clarifying the governance mechanisms for the Independent Evaluation Office. The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the revised UNDP evaluation policy.

The 2014 annual report on evaluation highlights the evaluation activities of UNDP and its associated funds and programmes — UNCDF and UNV. The report assesses the status of the evaluation function and evaluation capacity of the organizations, provides lessons emerging from the evaluations conducted in 2014, and presents the approved and proposed programme of work for the Independent Evaluation Office for the period 2015–2016. The report is accompanied by the management response. The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

An evaluation of the contribution of global and regional Human Development Reports (HDRs) to public policy processes is presented to the Board for consideration at the present session. The evaluation assesses the global and regional HDRs published from 2004 to 2013, covering all five geographic regions where UNDP provides support. The evaluation objectives were to: (a) assess the contribution of global HDRs to intellectual and analytical public policy debates; (b) assess the contribution of regional HDRs to policy discourse and advocacy at the regional level and public policy processes at the national level; (c) assess the contributions of global and regional HDRs to UNDP engagement in global and regional public discourse and advocacy and national public policy processes; (d) identify factors that explain the contributions of global and regional HDRs; and (e) present key findings, conclusions and recommendations to inform management decisions. The evaluation is accompanied by the management response. The Board may wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation and may urge UNDP to factor the evaluation recommendations into future HDR programming.

An evaluation of the role of UNDP in supporting national achievement of the Millennium Development Goals is presented to the Board for consideration at the present session. The objectives of the evaluation were to: (a) assess the roles played and results achieved by UNDP in support of the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals; (b) identify the factors that have affected the contribution and performance of UNDP in supporting the achievement of the Goals; and (c) provide strategic recommendations for fine-tuning the institutional strategy of support to the post-2015 agenda. The evaluation is accompanied by the management response. The Board may wish to consider the conclusions and recommendations from the evaluation and may urge UNDP to factor the evaluation recommendations into future programming.

Documentation:

Revised UNDP evaluation policy (DP/2015/15)

Annual report on evaluation (DP/2015/16)

Evaluation of the contribution of global and regional Human Development Reports to the public policy process (DP/2015/17)

Management response to the evaluation of the contribution of global and regional Human Development Reports to the public policy process (DP/2015/18)

Evaluation of the role of UNDP in supporting national achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (DP/2015/19)

Management response to the evaluation of the role of UNDP in supporting national achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (DP/2015/20)

Item 7
United Nations Capital Development Fund

UNCDF is submitting to the Executive Board its results-oriented annual report (ROAR) for 2014. 2014 was the first year of implementation of the UNCDF strategic framework, 2014-2017. The framework was developed in close connection with the UNDP strategic plan to maximize synergies. It details how the organization will support the least developed countries (LDCs) in three areas of intervention: (a) increasing financing for basic services, inclusive growth and local economic development; (b) establishing effective financing mechanisms to increase resilience to economic and environmental shocks; and (c) fostering policy environments that are conducive to sustainable financing for development. This support is provided by UNCDF through two programme areas — inclusive finance and local development finance — by applying its uniquely flexible investment mandate and technical presence in the LDCs. The framework envisages the development of innovative financing tools and structures to generate a steadier flow of financing for sustainable development in the LDCs. Both programme areas continued to perform strongly against most outcome indicators. The report includes detailed information on results achieved by UNCDF in 2014. The Board is invited to take note of the 2014 results and perspectives on UNCDF's positioning in a changing development finance landscape. The Board is also invited to recommit to meeting a critical mass of $25 million annually, as called for in decision 2014/12, to ensure programming presence of UNCDF in at least 40 LDCs, recognizing the strategic contribution that

UNCDF public/private finance models for local economic development can make to the post-2015 agenda.

Documentation:

Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2014 (DP/2015/21)

UNFPA segment

Item 8
Annual report of the Executive Director

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the Report of the Executive Director: Progress made in the implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017.

Part I of the report of the Executive Director provides an analysis of UNFPA progress against the results frameworks for the first year of the strategic plan, 2014-2017, and includes the challenges and lessons learned during the implementation of the plan. The report includes a summary of the contribution of the contribution of the global and regional intervention to the strategic plan results, while more detailed quantitative and qualitative analyses about UNFPA performance and results are presented in annexes, available separately on the UNFPA website.

Part I, Addendum 1 of the report, entitled Statistical and financial review, 2014, summarizes the financial situation of UNFPA and provides statistical highlights concerning UNFPA finances and programmes in 2014. The figures for the financial information are provisional subject to the report of the Board of Auditors.

Part II of the report, entitled Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2014, provides, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/267, a synopsis of UNFPA management responses to key recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit contained in its seven reports and notes issued in 2014 that are relevant to UNFPA. Of the 41 recommendations relevant to UNFPA, 34 are addressed to UNFPA management and 7 to the legislative organs.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the report of the Executive Director: Progress in the implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017. Elements for a decision are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Report of the Executive Director: Progress in the implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017 (DP/FPA/2015/5, Part I)

Statistical and financial review, 2014 (DP/FPA/2015/5, Part I, Add.1)

Report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2014 (DP/FPA/2015/5, Part II)

Item 9
Evaluation

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the annual report on evaluation. In accordance with decision 2013/21, the report provides a review of the evaluation function at UNFPA during 2014, the first full year following the adoption of the revised UNFPA evaluation policy and the creation of an independent Evaluation Office in 2013.

The report presents progress made by the evaluation function, specifically in relation to the transitional biennial budgeted evaluation plan 2014-2015 against key performance indicators. It highlights progress in strengthening internal evaluation capacity, and outlines UNFPA engagement to contribute to strengthening national evaluation capacities. The report presents the lessons learned from corporate evaluations finalized in 2014. It also sets out how the Evaluation Office contributes to joint evaluation efforts within the United Nations and global communities of practice.

The report highlights the main challenges and prospects for evaluation at UNFPA and presents a number of recommendations. A set of annexes are available on the UNFPA Executive Board website: (i) corporate evaluations/studies (2014-2015); (ii) programme-level evaluations (2014-2015); (iii) evaluation coverage (2014-2015); (iv) 2014 quality assessments (overall summaries) for country programme evaluations (2010-2014); (v) follow-up of management responses; and (vi) monitoring and evaluation human resources (2013-2014).

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the annual report on evaluation. Elements for a decision are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Annual report on evaluation (DP/FPA/2015/6)

Item 10
UNFPA country programmes and related matters

The Executive Board will be asked to (a) approve, in accordance with decision 2014/7, the country programme documents for Armenia, Turkmenistan and Uganda; (b) take note of the first one-year extensions of the country programmes for Somalia, United Republic of Tanzania and Yemen; and (c) approve the second one-year extension of the country programme for Lebanon and the two-year extension of the country programme for Papua New Guinea.

Documentation:

Country programme document for Armenia (DP/FPA/CPD/ARM/3)

Country programme document for Turkmenistan (DP/FPA/CPD/TKM/4)

Country programme document for Uganda (DP/FPA/CPD/UGA/8)

Extensions of country programmes (DP/FPA/2015/9)

UNOPS segment

Item 11
Annual report of the Executive Director

The annual report of the Executive Director of UNOPS details the organization's support to the implementation of partners' peacebuilding, humanitarian and development projects. Through more than 1,200 projects in over 80 countries, UNOPS delivers lasting results to help people in need. The report highlights key results across the organization, providing examples of the ways in which UNOPS supports the United Nations system and partners around the world. The Board may wish to adopt a decision, elements of which are contained in the report.

Documentation:

Annual report of the Executive Director (DP/OPS/2015/2)

Joint segment

Item 12
Internal audit and oversight

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the internal audit and investigation reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

The UNDP report provides information on the activities of the Office of Audit and Investigations (OAI) for the year ended 31 December 2014. As requested by the Executive Board in its decision 2014/21, this report includes information regarding financial losses identified by investigations as well as the manner and amount of recovery. The report continues to address requests noted in earlier Board decisions, such as: the titles of all internal audit reports issued during the year and ratings received (decision 2013/24), significant issues related to the public disclosure of internal audit reports (decision 2012/18), and cases of fraud and action taken in cases of misconduct (decision 2011/22). As in the past, the management response to the report is presented separately (in accordance with decision 2006/13), and the annual report of the Audit Advisory Committee is appended to this report (in accordance with document DP/2008/16/Rev.1 on the UNDP accountability system).

The report on the UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services (OAIS) for 2014 responds to Executive Board decisions 2015/2 and earlier pertinent Board decisions. It presents a review of activities completed in 2014 by OAIS on internal audit and investigation, and contains information on (a) the overall assessment of the audit risk exposure of UNFPA; (b) significant good practices and improvement needs revealed through OAIS activities; (c) investigations, including cases of fraud and actions taken by management; (d) the review of internal audit recommendations issued and their implementation status; and (e) the disclosure of internal audit reports. Seven annexes are available separately on the UNFPA website. The annual report of the UNFPA Audit Advisory Committee is contained in an addendum (DP/FPA/2015/7.Add.1). The management response to both reports is available separately on the UNFPA website. The management actions undertaken in follow-up

to the 15 recommendations issued by the then Division for Oversight Services in its earlier report (DP/FPA/2011/5) are contained in annex 4 of the aforementioned annexes, available separately on the UNFPA website.

The Executive Board will also have before it the activity report on UNOPS internal audit and investigation services for the year ended 31 December 2014, submitted by the Internal Audit and Investigations Group. The report is accompanied by the management response presented separately (in accordance with decision 2006/13) and the annual report of the UNOPS Strategy and Audit Advisory Committee for 2014.

The Executive Board may wish to adopt a decision on the internal audit and investigations reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

Documentation:

UNDP: Report on internal audit and investigations (DP/2015/22)

UNFPA: Report of the Director of the Office of Audit and Investigation Services on the UNFPA internal audit and investigation activities in 2014 (DP/FPA/2015/7)

UNOPS: Activity report for 2014 of the Internal Audit and Investigations Group (DP/OPS/2015/3)

Item 13
Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS Ethics Offices

Under this item, the Executive Board will have before it the reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2008/37, the UNDP Ethics Office submits the present report covering its activities in 2014. In accordance with the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the Ethics Panel of the United Nations reviewed the report at its sixty-sixth session on 11 February 2015; the report was subsequently presented to the UNDP Administrator. As required by the Board, pursuant to its decision 2011/24, the report includes recommendations to management on strengthening the UNDP culture of ethics, integrity and compliance. This is the seventh annual report presented by the Ethics Office since its establishment in 2007.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/17, UNFPA submits the report of the Ethics Office. The report provides a summary of the activities of the UNFPA Ethics Office during 2014. In accordance with decision 2012/19, the report also describes trends in the mandated activities of the Ethics Office and provides recommendations to management on further strengthening the organizational culture of integrity and compliance. Pursuant to the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), the Ethics Panel of the United Nations reviewed the annual report at its 66th meeting on 11 February 2015; it was subsequently provided to the UNFPA Executive Director. The management response to the report of the Ethics Office 2014 is available separately on the UNFPA website.

Pursuant to Executive Board decision 2010/17, the Ethics Officer of UNOPS submits to the Board the report on the activities of the Ethics Office during 2014. This report has been reviewed by the Ethics Panel of the United Nations, in accordance with section 5.4 of the Secretary-General's bulletin on United Nations system-wide application of ethics: separately administered organs and programmes (ST/SGB/2007/11), as amended.

The Executive Board may wish to take note of the reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS, and comment on the progress of the work of the Ethics Offices.

Documentation:

Activities of the UNDP Ethics Office in 2014 (DP/2015/23)

UNFPA: Report of the Ethics Office 2014 (DP/FPA/2015/8)

Activities of the UNOPS Ethics Office in 2014 (DP/OPS/2015/4)

Item 14
Other matters

TENTATIVE WORKPLAN
EXECUTIVE BOARD OF UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS
ANNUAL SESSION 2015
(1 – 12 June 2015, New York)

Day/Date	*Time*	*Item*	*Subject*
Monday, 1 June	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.	1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session • Adoption of the report of the first regular session 2015 **UNOPS SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		11	UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR PROJECT SERVICES • Annual report of the Executive Director
	12 – 1 p.m.		**JOINT SEGMENT**
		12	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT • Reports of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on internal audit and investigations and management responses
	3 – 5 p.m.		**JOINT SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		12	INTERNAL AUDIT AND OVERSIGHT (cont'd)
		13	REPORTS OF THE ETHICS OFFICES OF UNDP, UNFPA AND UNOPS • Reports of the Ethics Offices of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS on activities for 2014 and management responses
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Tuesday, 2 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		8	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR • Report of the Executive Director: Progress in implementation of the UNFPA strategic plan, 2014-2017 (including update on the implementation of decision 2013/5) • Statistical and financial review, 2014 • UNFPA report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2014
	3 – 5 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
		8	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (cont'd)
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Wednesday, 3 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNFPA SEGMENT**
		9	EVALUATION • Annual report of the UNFPA Evaluation Office (decision 2013/21) and management response
		10	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes

	3 – 5 p.m.	10	UNFPA COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS (cont'd)
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Thursday, 4 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT** STATEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATOR
		2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR • Annual report of the Administrator on the strategic plan: performance and results for 2014 • UNDP report on the recommendations of the Joint Inspection Unit in 2014 • Statistical annex
	3 – 5 p.m.	2	ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR (cont'd)
		3	GENDER IN UNDP • Annual report on the implementation of the UNDP gender equality strategy, 2014-2017 (decision 2014/1)
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Friday, 5 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		6	EVALUATION • Revised UNDP evaluation policy • Annual report on evaluation and management response
	3 – 5 p.m.	6	EVALUATION (cont'd) • Evaluation of the contribution of UNDP Human Development Reports and management response • Evaluation of the role of UNDP in supporting national achievement of the Millennium Development Goals and management response
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Monday, 8 June	10 a.m. – 12 p.m.		**UNDP SEGMENT (cont'd)**
		7	UNITED NATIONS CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND • Report on results achieved by UNCDF in 2014
	12 -1 p.m.	4	HUMAN DEVELOPMENT REPORT • Update on Human Development Report consultations (GA resolution 57/264)
	3 – 5 p.m.	5	UNDP COUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND RELATED MATTERS • Presentation and approval of country programme documents • Extensions of country programmes
	5 – 6 p.m.		*Informal consultations on draft decisions*
Tuesday, 9 June	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	14	OTHER MATTERS • Adoption of decisions
		1	ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS • Adoption of the tentative workplan for the second regular session 2015 • Closing of the session
Wednesday, 10 June			
Thursday, 11 June			
Friday, 12 June			